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Assistant Commissioner

Sir:

The attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. These documents have been cited in a search report in a corresponding European application. One copy of each of the listed documents and a copy of the search report is attached.

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No explanation of the relevance of documents FA to FC is believed to be required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 because the documents are in English.

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